

Remarks

This Amendment After Final is in response to the Office Action dated **August 1, 2011**. The Office Action rejected claims 26-36 and 38 under 35 USC §103 over Hillstead (US Pat. No. 5,019,085) in view of Kanazawa (JP 0724072). The Office Action also objected to claims 39 and 40 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that claims 39 and 40 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Without acquiescing to the validity of the rejections, and in furtherance of prosecution, independent claims 38 and 26 are amended to incorporate the subject matter of previously allowed claims 39 and 40, respectively. Claims 26 and 38 are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 39 and 40 are consequently cancelled. Claims 27-36 depend from independent claim 26, either directly or indirectly, and are therefore patentable along with the independent claims.

In light of the forgoing amendments, Applicants' submit that the immediate application, with claims 26-36 and 38, is in condition for allowance. Applicants request early action to that end.

Respectfully submitted,

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